treaty with Nepal which was due to be renewed on March 23; if so, what is Government's current thinking about it; and

(c) whether the subject was discussed during the talks with his Nepalese counter part at Kathmandu where he had gone on a private visit if so, what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Indo-Nepal Trade Treaty and the Indo-Nepal Transit Treaty expired simultaneously on March 23rd, 1989. The Government have proposed to HMGN (His Majesty's Government of Nepal) that a new unified Trade and Transit Treaty between India and Nepal should be negotiated and concluded.

(c) During the visit of the Minister of External Affairs Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao, to Kathmandu on March 6th, 1989, the Nepalese Foreign Minister mentioned the new Trade and Transit Treaty proposal. However, as their discussions were very brief, no indepth consideration could be given to this matter.

Subsequently, the Foreign Minister of Nepal, Shri Shailendra Kumar Upadhyaya, visited New Delhi on March 26-27, 1989, leading a Nepalese delegation. HMGN have handed over fresh proposals for separate Trade and Transit Treaties to us Negotiations will now be held between the concerned Ministries on both sides to finalise new arrangements for trade and transit. Government's proposal for a single Trade and Transit Treaty remains unchanged.

Journalists Ferried Across to Sri Lanka without Visas

*386. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be please dto state:

(a) whether the Government of India themselves ferry journalists and others across the Indian borders to Sri Lanka without visas, as reported in the Indian Express of 10th March, 1989;

(b) what are the details of others who have been ferried across to Sri Lanka so far without visas since the incident referred to in part (a) above; and

(c) whether it has been done in violation of the laws of Sri Lanka.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) On a few occasions some jounralists have been taken to Sri Lanka at short notice with the prior consent of the Sri Lankan Government. Since prior permission was taken from the Sri Lanka Government there was no question of violating the laws of Sri Lanka.

दिल्ली में विज्ञान की शिक्षा देने वाले विद्यालय

*387. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के ऐसे उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालयों में वर्तमान शैक्षिक वर्ष के दौरान विज्ञान शिक्षा की उपेक्षा की गई है, जहां विज्ञान का विषय बारहवीं कक्षा तक पढ़ाया जाता है ;

(ख) क्या दिल्ली प्रशासन ने 1988-89 के शैक्षिक वर्ष में विज्ञान की शिक्षा पर 2.5 करोड़ रुपये खर्च करने का निश्चय किया है ;

(ग) दिल्ली प्रशासन के अधीन इस समय कितने उच्चतर माध्यमिक विद्यालयों में बारहवीं कक्षा तक विज्ञान की शिक्षा दी जाती है और इनमें से कितने विद्यालय बालिकाओं के लिए हैं ;

(घ) विज्ञान की शिक्षा देने वाले ऐसे कितने विद्यालय पुनर्वास तथा अनधिकृत बस्तियों में स्थित हैं ; और

(ङ) क्या महिला विकास की प्राथमिकता के आधार पर प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए सरकार आगामी वर्षों में विज्ञान की शिक्षा देने वाले नए विद्यालय खोलने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एल० पी० साही : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) दिल्ली प्रशासन को वर्ष 1988 में उनके चल रहे कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत विज्ञान शिक्षा के लिए 17 लाख रुपये की राशि प्राप्त है तथा स्कूलों में विज्ञान शिक्षा के सुधार की केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजना के अन्तर्गत मार्च, 1988 में 53.47 लाख रुपये स्वीकृत किए गए।

(ग) दिल्ली में 349 सीनियर माध्यमिक स्कूल हैं जिनमें उच्चतर माध्यमिक स्तर पर विज्ञान पढ़ाया जाता है तथा इनमें से 106 स्कूल लड़कियों के हैं।

(घ) सात सीनियर माध्यमिक स्कूल जो उच्च माध्यमिक स्तर पर विज्ञान की शिक्षा प्रदान करते हैं, पुनर्वास कालोनियों में स्थित हैं।

(ङ) दिल्ली प्रशासन आवश्यकता उपलब्ध संसाधनों के आधार पर प्रत्येक वर्ष नए स्कूल खोलता तथा अनुमोदित करता है।

Non-implementation of reservation policy in the Railways

*388. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the reservation policy, as enshrined in the Constitution of India, is not being followed in the accounts cadre of the Northern Railways;

(b) whether Government are aware of the decision in respect of grace marks in written examination and implementation of the reservation policy delivered in Akhil Bhartiya Shaushit Karamchari Sangh Vs Union of India;

(c) whether Government have received any representations from the aggrieved persons for redressal of the grievances in this regard;

(d) if so, what action Government porpose to take against the officers who have been obstructing the implementation of the said reservation policy; and

(e) by when the aggrieved persons are likely to get the benefit of the said judgement and policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that the various concessions granted to the SC/STs by the Ministry of Railways under various circulars/ letters were in order. However, the case under reference did not cover the issue of grace marks.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The examination has revealed that reservation policy had been correctly followed in these cases.

Plans to improve the game of soccer in the country

*389. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed any down-to earth plan for rescuing Indian Soccer from the mess it found itself in during recent encounters against foreign soccer teams; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?